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SUBJ: CODELS WOLFF AND YATRON QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS AT
AIRPORT NEWS CONFERENCE - AUGUST 15

Q. NATIONAL NEWS SERVICE (ESI -PERU): I WOULD LIKE TO KNOW
IF THE CREATION OF A JOINT WORKING COMMISSION HAS ALREADY BEEN
FORMULATED BETWEEN PERU AND THE USA FOR NARCOTICS CONTROL
SIMILAR TO THE ONE CREATED WITH COLOMBIA?
CONG. WOLFF: WE HAVE DISCUSSED THE IDEA OF A JOINT COMMITTEE
WITH THE PERUVIAN GOVERNMENT REGARDING NARCOTICS AND, EVEN ENLARGING
UPON THAT IDEA, TO SET UP A REGIONAL COMMISSION OR COMMITTEE
THAT WILL ADDRESS ITSELF TO THIS PARTICULAR PROBLEM. WE ARE
CARRYING BACK THIS MESSAGE WITH US AND WILL BE IN COMMUNICATION
WITH OUR AMBASSADORS AND DIPLOMATS TO IMPLEMENT THIS PARTICULAR
IDEA.

Q. JULIO ALZOLA, DIARIO LA PRENSA. I WOULD LIKE TO ASK
CONGRESSMAN YATRON ABOUT THE BASIC AGREEMENT WHICH THE U.S.
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GOVERNMENT HAS ESTABLISHED WITH PANAMA. HOW DOES THE U.S. CONGRESS
VIEW THE POSSIBILITY OF APPROVING THIS AGREEMENT?

A. CONG. YATRON: WELL, THERE IS NO QUESTION THAT THERE IS A
NEED FOR A TREATY, BUT AS THIS POINT, I AM NOT PREPARED TO
MAKE A STATEMENT. YOU KNOW, WE WERE SUPPOSED TO HAVE RECEIVED

A COMMUNIQUE, A TELEGRAM FROM PRESIDENT CARTER AT OUR OFFICES IN WASHINGTON. IN THAT TELEGRAM HE SAYS THAT WE ARE NOT TO MAKE A DECISION UNTIL WE HAVE HAD TIME TO LOOK OVER THE PROPOSAL, AND THEN AT THAT TIME, HE HOPES THAT WE WILL SUPPORT THE TREATY.

Q. CARMEN GONZALES OF OIGA MAGAZINE: I WANT TO ASK CONGRESSMAN WOLFF IF, IN SPITE OF POLITICAL CONNECTIONS, WHEN A MAFIA OF TRAFFICKERS IN THE UNITED STATES IS CAUGHT, THEY GIVE OUT THE REAL NAMES, OR IF THEY CHANGE THE NAMES TO AVOID SCANDAL?

A. CONG. WOLFF: THE PURPOSE OF THE COMMITTEE, THE SELECT COMMITTEE ON NARCOTICS, IS TO COORDINATE THE ACTIVITIES OF THE VARIOUS COMMITTEES IN CONGRESS. WE ARE NOT AFRAID TO NAME NAMES; WE ARE A BIPARTISAN COMMITTEE OF BOTH REPUBLICANS AND DEMOCRATS, AND WE HAVE ALREADY NAMED THE NAMES OF THOSE PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN TRAFFICKING IN THAILAND AND WHO HAVE OPERATED UNDER VERY DEEP POLITICAL AS WELL AS COMMERCIAL COVER. OUR OBJECTIVES HERE ARE TO HELP THE PEOPLES OF BOTH OF OUR NATIONS AS WELL AS THE PEOPLES OF THE WORLD AND, THEREFORE, NO NAMES THAT WE RECEIVE WILL BE KEPT SECRET.

Q. ACKERMAN, ASSOCIATED PRESS: MY QUESTION IS FOR BOTH CONGRESSMEN YATRON AND WOLFF: IN THE VISITS OF YOUR COMMITTEES SO FAR IN SOUTH AMERICA, TO THE COUNTRIES OF COLOMBIA, ECUADOR, AND PERU, HOW WOULD YOU DESCRIBE THE SITUATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN THESE COUNTRIES?

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A. CONG. YATRON: WELL, IN EVERY COUNTRY WE HAVE VISITED, THE RESPECTIVE GOVERNMENTS HAVE EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT THEY ARE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS, AND I THINK THAT WE AS VISITING MEMBERS OF THE U.S. CONGRESS, CAN ONLY ENCOURAGE, AND HOPE THAT THEY WILL CONTINUE THIS MOVEMENT TOWARD PROVIDING HUMAN RIGHTS FOR ALL PEOPLES AROUND THE WORLD.

A. CONG. WOLFF: WE HAVE EXPRESSED, IN NO UNCERTAIN TERMS, TO THE LEADERS OF THE VARIOUS NATIONS WE HAVE VISITED, THE CONGRESSIONAL AS WELL AS THE CONCERN OF OUR EXECUTIVE FOR BASIC HUMAN RIGHTS, AND IN VERY STRONG TERMS. WE BELIEVE, HOWEVER, THAT THERE ARE HUMAN RIGHTS, TOO, THAT THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES POSSESS, AND THAT MEANS FREEDOM FROM TRAFFICKING ON A RESERVE BASIS. THAT MEANS THE FREEDOM OF OUR PEOPLE FROM THE SCOURGE OF NARCOTICS WHICH IS DESTROYING OUR YOUNG PEOPLE. BUT WE HAVE WITHIN OUR LAW TODAY THE RESTRICTIONS AGAINST ANY ASSISTANCE GOING TO ANY NATION THAT CONSISTENTLY VIOLATES THE PRINCIPLES OF HUMAN RIGHTS, AND THAT HAS BEEN CONVEYED TO THE HEADS OF STATES WHERE WE HAVE VISITED.

THANK YOU.

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